

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service	)	CC Docket No. 96-45
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**Request of Fort Mojave Telecommunications, Inc.  
For Confidential Treatment**

Pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Commission's Rules, Fort Mojave Telecommunications, Inc. ("FMTI") requests confidentiality with respect to the submission of the Annual Certification of Fort Mojave Telecommunications, Inc. in CC Docket 96-45.

The following information is submitted pursuant to Section 0.459(b) of the Commission's rules:

- (1) FMTI requests that the Annual Certification and Exhibit A attached herewith be given confidential treatment.
- (2) The Annual Certification and Exhibit A are submitted to the Commission pursuant to *Report and Order in the Matter of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, FCC 05-46, CC 96-45, rel. March 17, 2005.
- (3) Specific details, including financial, contained in the Annual Certification and Exhibit A are confidential commercial information routinely withheld from public inspection in accordance with Section 0.457(d) of FCC Rules.
- (4) The information contained herein is of both a financial and competitive nature regarding the provision of telecommunications services. The telecommunications industry is highly competitive.
- (5) The financial and competitive information provided herein is information that would not customarily be released to the public. Due to the competitive environment of the marketplace, release of this information could substantially harm FMTI's business and physical infrastructure.

- (6) In order to prevent unauthorized disclosure of the subject information, the attached Annual Certification and Exhibit A are being filed via express delivery service.
- (7) The subject information is not available to the public or any third parties.
- (8) Pursuant to Section 0.457(d) of the Commission's rules the subject material is not routinely available for public inspection and should continue to be withheld from public inspection at any time now or in the future.
- (9) Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,

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September 29, 2007

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**Annual Certification of Fort Mojave Telecommunications, Inc.**

Fort Mojave Telecommunications, Inc. ("FMTI" or the "Company"), an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") serving on the federally-recognized lands of the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe in the states of Arizona, California and Nevada, hereby submits this annual certification in compliance with the Commission's Order<sup>1</sup> in the above-noted proceeding. The Commission designated FMTI as an ETC on February 27, 1998 and authorized FMTI to receive universal service support retroactive to January 1, 1998.<sup>2</sup>

**1. Construction Plan Progress and Use of Support**

Within the Certification Order, the Commission requires that FMTI, as an ETC, submit "progress reports on the ETC's five-year service quality improvement plan..."<sup>3</sup> FMTI has previously filed with the Commission a five-year service quality improvement plan for the years 2006 – 2011.<sup>4</sup> It hereby provides progress on its plan (see Exhibit A).

FMTI received a total of \$ [REDACTED] in federal high cost support for the funding year of 2006. Over that same time period, FMTI invested \$ [REDACTED] in supportable improvements.

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<sup>1</sup> *Report and Order in the Matter of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, FCC 05-46, rel. March 17, 2005 ("Certification Order").

<sup>2</sup> Memorandum Opinion and Order In the Matter of Designation of Fort Mojave Telecommunications, Inc., Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., San Carlos Telecommunications, Inc. and Tohono O'odham Utility Authority as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to Section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act, DA 98-393, rel. February 27, 1998 ("FMTI ETC Order").

<sup>3</sup> Certification Order, para. 69.

<sup>4</sup> Annual Certification of Fort Mojave Telecommunications, Inc., CC Docket 96-45, filed September 29, 2006, Exhibit A.

FMTI was established in 1988 by purchasing facilities and lines located on the Fort Mojave Reservation from the then incumbent provider, Citizens Communications. At the time of the acquisition, telephone penetration rates stood at an abysmal thirty-five percent. The network covered approximately 25 percent of the reservation. Both the facilities and network were antiquated and consisted solely of analog technology.

In part, through federal high-cost support, FMTI has invested in a superior digital network, laying over ninety miles of fiber throughout its service area in order to vastly improve the quality of the communications infrastructure. Telephone penetration rates currently stand at ninety-eight percent and one hundred percent of the service area has access to the network.

## **2. Outage Reporting**

In the previous twelve month period, FMTI has experienced no outages of at least 30 minutes in duration and affecting at least ten percent of its customers within its service area.

## **3. Service Requests**

In the previous twelve month period, FMTI had no unfulfilled requests for service from potential customers within its service area. FMTI's facilities provide total coverage throughout its service area and, therefore, as directed by the Commission,<sup>5</sup> would be able to immediately provide service to any requesting end user.

## **4. Consumer Complaints**

In the previous twelve month period, FMTI had zero complaints per 1,000 lines.

## **5. Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection**

FMTI provides wireline services throughout its service area and is regulated by the sovereign authority of the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, including the duly elected Fort Mojave Tribal Council. As such, FMTI is not regulated by state regulatory authorities. As a tribally-

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<sup>5</sup> Certification Order, para. 22.

regulated entity, FMTI complies with service quality standards as promulgated by the Tribal Council.

FMTI adheres to consumer protection standards as set out by the Tribal Council and other governing bodies of the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe. FMTI's local service tariff, containing its rates, terms and conditions, is available to the public at its offices. As a common carrier, FMTI is also regulated by this Commission. As such, it must and does comply with consumer protection rules including Truth-In-Billing, Customer Proprietary Network Information and slamming regulations.

**6. Ability to Remain Functional in Emergencies**

FMTI's network is engineered to remain functional in emergencies, including power outages. All of its exchanges and digital loop carrier units have backup battery systems and access to generators. Half of FMTI's four exchanges have permanent generators installed with the remaining exchanges served by two portable generators. FMTI's battery backup system is capable of a minimum of eight hours of power.

FMTI has devised a plan to remain functional in the event of an emergency. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

**7. Local Usage Plan**

The Commission requires that FMTI certify that it, as an ETC, "is offering a local usage plan comparable to that offered by the incumbent LEC in the relevant service areas..."<sup>7</sup> FMTI is

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<sup>7</sup> Certification Order, para. 69.

the incumbent LEC and offers local calling throughout its service area which extends into three states.

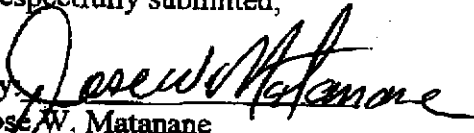
**8. Equal Access to Long Distance Carriers**

FMTI hereby certifies that it currently provides equal access to long distance carriers to all of its customers.

**Conclusion**

FMTI is confident that the information contained herein is sufficient and in compliance with the requirements as promulgated by the Commission in the Certification Order. If the Commission has any questions regarding this filing, please contact FMTI's authorized representative noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

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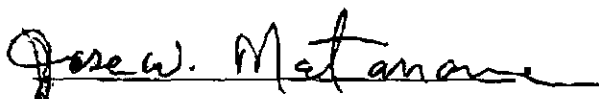
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### Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury

I, Jose W. Matanane, do hereby declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am the General Manager of Fort Mojave Telecommunications, Inc. ("FMTI").
2. This Affidavit is submitted in support of FMTI's Annual Compliance Filing, pursuant to *Report and Order in the Matter of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, FCC 05-46, (rel. March 17, 2005) and Sections 54.202 and 54.209 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules.
3. I declare under penalty of perjury that the statements contained in the foregoing Annual Compliance Filing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

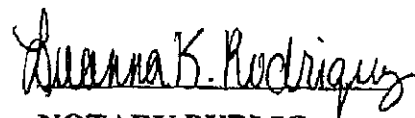
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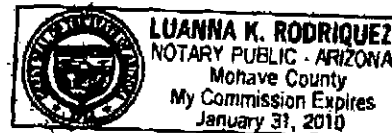
  
Jose W. Matanane, General Manager

Fort Mojave Telecommunications, Inc.

**SUBSCRIBED, SWORN AND ACKNOWLEDGED** before me this 24th day of  
September 2007.

My Commission Expires on: January 31, 2010

  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**



## **Exhibit A**